



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6303***

LCO No. 2905

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-336 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) Each city or town, other than towns participating in a regional  
4 dog pound, shall (1) provide and maintain for use as a dog pound a  
5 suitable building, which shall be made comfortable for the detention  
6 and care of dogs and kept in a sanitary condition, or (2) provide,  
7 through written agreement, for the detention and care of impounded  
8 dogs by a licensed veterinarian, or in a licensed veterinary hospital,  
9 licensed commercial kennel, a dog pound maintained by another city  
10 or town, or other suitable facility approved by the commissioner. Any  
11 city or town may provide for the use of such building or facility to  
12 shelter other animals which are found injured, mistreated or roaming  
13 in a manner which endangers the animal or the public. The  
14 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
15 provisions of chapter 54, concerning the construction and maintenance  
16 of dog pounds or other facilities where impounded dogs are kept, and

17 the care, handling and transportation of dogs by municipal animal  
 18 control officers. The commissioner may inspect any dog pound or  
 19 other facility where impounded dogs are kept and may issue such  
 20 orders as he deems necessary to correct any improper conditions  
 21 found to exist. If such orders are not complied with, the commissioner  
 22 may request the Attorney General to bring an action for their  
 23 enforcement, including suit for an injunction in the judicial district in  
 24 which the dog pound or facility is located.

25 (b) Each city or town that maintains a dog pound pursuant to  
 26 subsection (a) of this section shall maintain a current list of nonprofit  
 27 organizations that are willing to arrange for or fund the treatment by a  
 28 licensed veterinarian of any impounded animal that is ill or injured.  
 29 Whenever an impounded animal that is considered by a municipal  
 30 animal control officer to be adoptable requires treatment by a licensed  
 31 veterinarian and the city or town does not have sufficient funds to pay  
 32 for such treatment, such city or town shall contact the organizations on  
 33 the list required under this subsection to arrange for treatment of such  
 34 animal.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	22-336
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require municipal animal shelters to attempt to treat ill or injured animals in their custody when such animals are considered adoptable.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*